

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

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DATE: JANUARY 30	, 2017	PREPARED BY	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-	-ADM-0132	CROSS REFERI	ENCE #:
TITLE: MANAGEMEN	NT, EPA	, OF	FICE OF ACQUISITION
	CASE C	CLOSING REPOR	T
Subject(s)		Location	Other Data
	EPA		
0332. Allegedly, Room Room Ronald Re	n Agency (EPA) hington Field Of agan Building, V ed by EPA guard	, Office of Inspector Go fice, was referred EPA , Offi Vashington DC; had a co	OIG Hotline complaint 2017- ice of Acquisition Management,
appointment as a with EPA, effective July was issued a memo terminating with EPA, effective July 2017. On August 23, 2017, this matter was referred to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution and was declined the same day. On January 19, 2018, the Office of Investigations contacted the EPA Suspension and Debarment office to determine if debarment actions should be taken against On January 26, 2018, the Suspension and Debarment office determined that the misconduct by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)			
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DATE: January 11, 2018 PREPARED BY: SA

CASE #: OI-AR-2016-CAC-0065 CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: THEFT BY DECEPTION, SUBJECT CLAIMED EPA EMPLOYEE DEMANDED CASH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	LEXINGTON PARK, MD	

POTENTIAL VIOLATION(S):

Maryland State Statute Title 7 - 104;

Theft: less than \$1000.

ALLEGATIONS:

On April 14, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Hotline received a forwarded electronic message from Mary's County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO), Maryland. The message reported a scam involving an unknown individual who posed as an employee of the EPA. The person demanded cash from an elderly female for environmental violations in St. Mary County Maryland.

FINDINGS:

This investigation revealed on April 5, 2016, (b) (7)(c) received \$300 from an elderly disabled female after telling the victim she had paid an EPA employee to resolve environmental violations of the victim's septic system.

Investigation conducted by the EPA OIG and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's office found had fabricated the EPA's involvement in the scheme. was arrested for an unrelated theft charge and again interviewed regarding the EPA incident. During the interview, admitted fabricating the story about an EPA employee being involved in the scheme in order to fraudulently obtain money from the elderly victim.

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On July 23, 2016, (b) (6), (b) (7)(c) of Lexington Park, Maryland, woman was arrested and charged with Theft Under \$1,000.

On January 6, 2017, during a hearing in St. Mary's County Circuit Court, Maryland, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pled guilty to a Maryland State charge of Theft: Less than \$1000.

On March 10, 2017, appeared in St. Mary's County Circuit court and was sentenced to 18 months' incarceration and 5 years supervised probation for her involvement in the Theft.

is currently incarcerated at the Jessup Maryland Correctional facility.

DISPOSITION: Supported. Closed.

All legal proceedings have been completed and/or exhausted in this investigation.

As a result, this investigation is closed.



DATE: February 1, 2018 **PREPARED BY:** SA

CASE #: OI-RTP-2016-ADM-0070 CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: AILLEN-KEARNEY, NIRILLA, CONTRACTOR ORD NHEERL

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Allen-Kearney, Nirilla Lacho	Durham, NC	EPA Contractor

VIOLATIONS:

Conduct unbecoming of a Federal Employee/Contractor.

ALLEGATION:

On May 17, 2016, Special Agent (SA) U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of the Inspector General Office of Investigations assisted Special Agents from the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations (IRS-CI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the arrest of Nirilla Allen-Kearney, a contract employee with the EPA Office of Research and Development, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Lab, Research Triangle Park (RTP), NC. Allen-Kearney was arrested in the E301 conference room of the EPA RTP campus without incident.

FINDINGS:

On May 18, 2016, SA provided the Indictment for Allen-Kearney and all other subjects of the investigations after it had been unsealed in court. Allen-Kearney was indicted on the following charges:

Count 1 - Title 21, United States Code, Section 841 (a) (1) To knowingly and intentionally distribute and possess with the intent to distribute cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance.

Count 2 - Title 18, United States Code, Section L95 Did knowingly combine, conspire, and agree with each other and with other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to commit offenses against the United States.

Conspiracy underlying charge - Title 21 United States Code, Sections 841 (a) (1) and 846 - To knowingly conduct and attempt to conduct financial transactions affecting interstate commerce and foreign commerce, which transactions in fact involved the proceeds of specified unlawful

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activity, that is, conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute of cocaine and marijuana. And that while conducting and attempting to conduct such financial transactions, knew that the property involved in the financial transactions represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956 (a) (1) (B) (i). The manner and means used to accomplish the objectives of the conspiracy included, among others, the following: deposits of United States Currency utilizing individual nominee bank accounts with Bank of America to conceal the true payee, payments for apartments, houses, and phones by a nominee to conceal the true owner/user of those items A11 in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956 (h).

Allen-Kearney pled guilty for violating 18 USC 195(h) 18 Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering. The EPA-OIG did not complete any additional investigative activities following the arrest.

DISPOSITION:

Supported; Closed

On August 25, 2016, the EPA Suspension and Debarment (S&D) division suspended Allen-Kearney from participating in government contracts. On September 12, 2017, Allen-Kearney was sentenced to 24 months' confinement by the Eastern District of North Carolina. On December 22, 2017, EPA S&D Official, Washington, DC, debarred Allen-Kearney for three years, starting when Allen-Kearney was suspended. The debarment will terminate August 3, 2019. This investigation is closed.



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DATE: JANUARY 30, 2017	PREPARED BY:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
CASE #: OI-HQ-2017-ADM-	0131 CROSS REFERE	ENCE #:
TITLE: (8) (6), (6) (7)(C)	, GRANTEE, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA
	CASE CLOSING REPORT	Γ
Subject(s)	Location EPA	Other Data
ALLEGATIONS: On July 19, 2017, Special Agent (SA) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), Washington Field Office, was referred EPA OIG Hotline complaint 2017-0331. Allegedly, Washington DC; had a counterfeit badge (that off presumably created) seized by EPA guards who then turned the badge over to the Securities Management Division (SMD)		
INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS: On May 2017, was issued a memo terminating position with position with grantee program. On August 23, 2017, this matter was referred to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution and was declined the same day. On January 19, 2018, the Office of Investigations contacted the EPA Suspension and Debarment office to determine if debarment actions should be taken against the Suspension and Debarment office determined that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)		
DISPOSITION: Since all appropriate actions have been considered and/or taken regarding this		

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matter, this case is being closed with no further action.



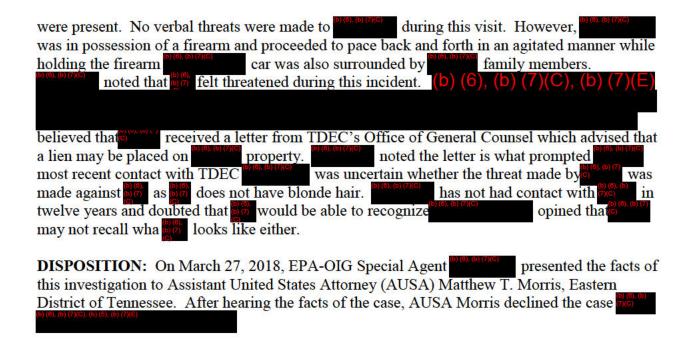
DATE: MARCH 28, 2018

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PREPARED BY:

CASE #: OI-AT-2018-THT-0054	CROSS REFEREN	CE #:
TITLE: (b) (0), (b) (7)(C)		
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
CA	ASE CLOSING REPORT	Γ
Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
()	b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
VIOLATION(S): 18 U.S. Code § employees.	111 - Assaulting, resisting, or	impeding certain officers or
ALLEGATION: (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8) (8)	threatened to kill Tennessee	Department of Environment
FINDINGS: On February 8, 2018 Tennessee Department of Environ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) TN. while discussing a TDEC inspector bitch" and that if could "get	ment and Conservation (TDEC During this conversation, r and stated that had been lie	allegedly became agitated ed to by "that blond haired
As background, prior to the call with advised that TDEC was placing a lien on property. The lien is in response to unpaid fines from a 2006 TDEC inspection bi(6), (b) (7)(C) property. The lien is in response to unpaid telephone number was identified on the letter that TDEC sent to called bi(6), (b) (7)(C) property. The lien is in response to unpaid telephone number was identified on the letter that TDEC sent to called bi(6), (b) (7)(C) to tell bi(6), (b) (7)(C) that was not going to pay the fine. During the call, bi(6), (b) allegedly became agitated and went on a tirade about being lied to by the 2006 inspector and made the aforementioned threat. Subsequently identified the TDEC inspector from 2006 as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Knoxville, TN.		
75.1 (B) (B) (T) (C)	$\sin^{(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)}$ TN. $\sin^{(b)(6),(b)(7)(C)}$	formation regarding the 2006 an enforcement action at noted that was not , and other relatives

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61 FORSYTH STREET, S.W., ROOM 12T20 ATLANTA, GA 30303

DATE: March 22, 2018 PREPARED BY: SA CASE #: OI-AT-2018-THT-0053 CROSS REFERENCE #: CIVILIAN, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C TITLE: CASE CLOSING REPORT Other Data Location Subject(s) VIOLATION(S): Threat Against the EPA Organization, (includes Threats Against EPA Facilities) ALLEGATION: This case was opened based on information received from Security Management Division, EPA Region IV, Atlanta, GA, Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received a complaint from (b) (6), (b) , EPA Region IV, alleging (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made threats toward the Atlanta Federal Center and the occupants. FINDING: On February 14, 2018, SA's EPA, OIG, Atlanta, GA, regarding a threat to and/or the EPA facility by interviewed (b) (b), (b) (7)(c) essentially provided following: In June of 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) filed a sexual harassment complaint against

spoke with other

behavior, and found they had similar issues. conducted a background check on

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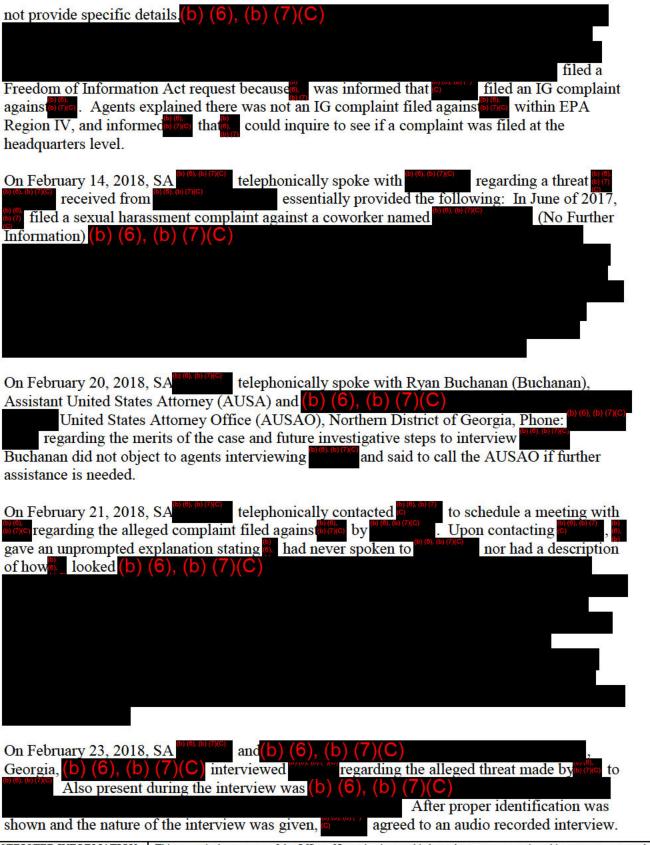
another co-worker.

and found that

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who worked with

was named in another sexual misconduct case in the past, but could



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Brief Interview Overview

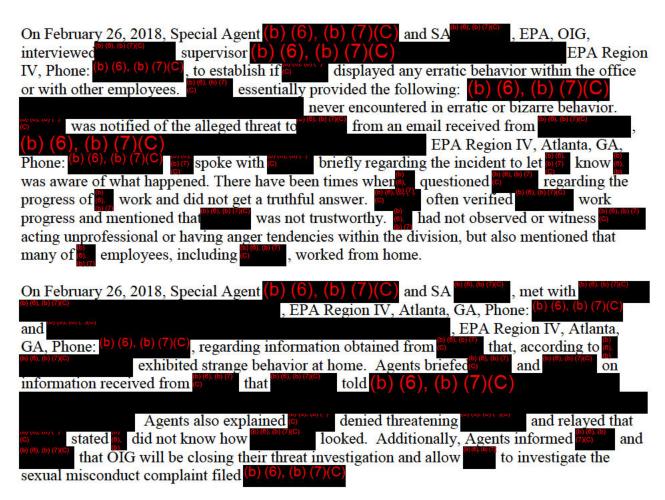
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

allegation against and denied threatening or following outside the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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Attachment:

1. Audio Recorded Interview of (5)(6)(6)(7), February 23, 2018

180223_0014.MP3



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Summary:

This investigation stemmed from a complaint filed by alleging alleging alleging made threats toward the Atlanta Federal Center and/or the occupants. Based on investigative steps, and interviews conducted, there was no evidence to substantiate claim that claim that threaten threaten



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CASE #: OI-HQ-201	6-ADM-0080 CROSS RI	EFERENCE #: N/A
TITLE: (b) (6), (b) Environmental Protection	on Agency	
INTERVIEWEE (if a	applicable): N/A	
PREPARED BY: 010	, Special Agent	
	MEMORANDUM OF AC Case Closing Report	estate (Million Construction Co
NARRATIVE:		
(b) (8), (b) (7)(C)	A). The complaint alleged that (b) (b)	Resources, Environmental
INVESTIGATIVE FI	NDINGS:	
during a workplace mee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) papers, making contact	EPA, walked around from des	k and forcefully swung a stack of vely stated that the force of
	stated corroborated account verbally threaten , that	nt of the incident. reported acted in an intimidating and
OPR interviewed witner EPA.	reported to OPR and Federal Protec	tive Service Investigator
CASE: OI-HQ-2016-ADM-0080	INTERVIEWEE (if applic N/A	able):
DATE OF ACTIVITY: March 16, 2018	DRAFTED DATE: March 16, 2018	AGENT(S): SA (S)(G).
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that that did not see of the chair and that there was no behavior which met the definition of an assault.

OPR interviewed on February 23, 2016. stated that never approached replied, "completely false" when asked if hit with the papers.

On February 24, 2016, this investigation was presented and declined by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Washington, DC. This investigation was referred to administrative remedies.

On January 9, 2018, OPR was notified that voluntarily retired after receiving a written notice of suspension for lack of candor in an official investigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.

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INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):

N/A

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AGENT(S):

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CASE #: OI-CH-2018-ADM-0001

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CROSS REFERENCE #: Case number

77 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604

TITLE: (6) (8). (b) (7)(C)	, Chicago, IL	
INTERVIEWEE (if a	applicable): Interviewee	
PREPARED BY: SA	(b) (8), (b) (7)(C)	
	CASE CLOSING REPORT	Γ
VIOLATION(s): 18 U	S.C § 2252 (Possession, Distribution and	l Receipt of Child Pornography)
Environmental Protection	n September 22, 2017, Special Agent (SA on Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector George cago Field Office (CFO) received a teleph , (b) (7)(C)	meral (OIG), Office of
stated that while packing made arrangements	received a call from (b) (6), (b) g to move came across an old EPA larents for the laptop to be mailed to retaining an EPA assigned laptop	researched the laptop, but
began to review accordance with the Agwere not records which during the early 2000's was suspended for nature). The offenses fi	top computer on September 18, 2017. Up the electronic content for any records that ency's record retention policy. There were deleted. September 20 believed this computer 30 days for inappropriate behavior and from this action were the misuse of governe e OIG about misuse.	nt would need to be handled in re a few document files that inputer was in possession ary action. On March 20, 2005, misuse of a computer (sexual in
computer before returni	elt it necessary to make sure there was not ng the laptop to EPA inventory.	first looked at the internet
CASE: OI-CH-2018-ADM-0001	INTERVIEWEE (if applicable): Interviewee	ŧ
DATE OF ACTIVITY: April 10, 2018	DRAFTED DATE: April 10, 2018	AGENT(S): SA (SIG) (SIG) (SIG)
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these links but did a search to see if there were any images on the computer as a result of the
these or any other internet searches. Running a search for image files led to several files
housed in the temporary internet file directory. While did not open any of the files, the
file names suggested that many contained images of a sexual nature. It was when came
across files with the term "boys" in the name that stopped and turned the computer off.
was concerned the computer contained child pornography.
FINDINGS: On October 11, 2017, SA requested investigative support from
EPA, OIG, OI, Electronics Crime Division (ECD).
Specifically, SA requested ECD to conduct an examination of an EPA laptop searching
for child pornography.

On January 9, 2018, SA received a report from ECD that no child pornography was found on the computer.

DISPOSITION: This case is not criminal and is solely an administrative matter. The investigation showed that the allegation was not supported. No further action is expected in this case; therefore, this case is closed.

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INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):

Interviewee

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AGENT(S): S Δ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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DATE: February 1, 2018	PREPARED BY:	SA (b) (0), (b) (7)(C)
CASE #: OI-SA-2017-OTH-0128	CROSS REFEREN	NCE: Hotline #2017-0318
TITLE: (b) (d), (b) (7)(C)	, SEATTLE, WA	
CASE	CLOSING REPORT	Γ
Subject(s) (b) (b) (c)	Location 6), (b) (7)(C)	Other Data
VIOLATIONS:		
18 U.S.C. § 133	ssault	
ALLEGATION: This investigation we propose (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Henry M. Jackson Federal Building in 2017, was subjected to an inappropriate of the proposeries and ridiculed by the FPS guarantee.	ion 9, regarding an alleged Seattle, WA. Specifically, oriate security screening in	Region 9, by FPS guards at alleges that on June 13,
(PSOs), an interview of EPA person investigation did not support the allegate by security guards at the Henry M. Jack screening of appeared reasonable	review of security video for ion of harassment or an in- son Federal Building again	ootage were conducted. The appropriate security screening
DISPOSITION: Due to the fact the all activity is warranted. This case is close		l, no further investigative



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DATE: February 14, 2018 PREPARED BY: SA STOCK ST

CASE #: OI-SA-2018-ADM-0041 CROSS REFERENCE #: COMP-2018-27

TITLE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) GS-13, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (8), (b) (7)(C)	San Francisco, CA	

VIOLATIONS:

None.

ALLEGATION: On December 11, 2017, Office of Investigations, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), San Francisco Field Office, was provided information by the Personnel Security Branch, Security Management Division, EPA, Washington, DC, of the arrest of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Region 9, San Francisco, CA. Initial reporting is that was arrested on November 2017, by a Sheriff's Office in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) CA. Reported charges are that of force, assault with a deadly weapon (not a firearm), great bodily injury, and vandalism \$400 or more.

place following arrest. There was no requirement for to report the incident to by supervisors or the agency at large. did notify to supervisors, and had already taken action by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that supervisors are willing to work with with regards to leave, more than likely to be leave without pay, in the instance was to be sentenced to serve time in jail.

No further investigative activity is warranted. This case is closed.

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DATE: March 29, 2018	PREPARED BY: SA (6) (6) (6) (7)(7)
CASE #: OI-DE-2018-BKG-0070	CROSS REFERENCE #:

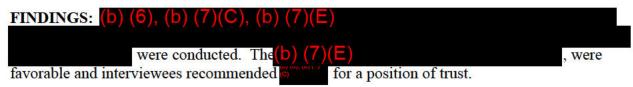
TITLE: - Special Agent Applicant

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

VIOLATION(S): N/A

ALLEGATION: On March 20, 2018, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations initiated a case to complete a background investigation on a special Agent position (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



DISPOSITION: All background and reference checks related to have been completed. No negative responses noted. This case is closed.